

ENGLISH MASTERY COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Locations:	Carson City, NV (Video Conference) Department of Education Board Room 700 E. Fifth Street	<i>and</i>	Las Vegas, NV (Video Conference) University of Nevada LV 4505 South Maryland Pkwy	<i>and</i>	Elko, NV (Video Conference) Great Basin College MH 110 1500 College Parkway
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1. **Call to Order**

Council Chair Sharolyn Durodola called to order, from Las Vegas, the full meeting of the English Mastery Council at 9:25 A.M. on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

2. **Roll Call**

Council secretary Susan Johnson conducted a roll call. **There is a quorum (9 members)**

The following Council members were present in Carson City: Denise Dufrene, Rachel Salas, Maija Talso

Lynn Manning John was present at Great Basin College, Elko

The following Council members were present in Las Vegas: Sharolyn Pollard-Durodola, Magdalena Martinez (telephonically), Steve Canavero (telephonically), Lorna James-Cervantes, Nancy Brune, Evangelyn Visser

Absent Council Members: Keith Boone, Edith Fernandez, Duncan Lee

NDE staff present: Karl Wilson and Sophia Masewicz (attending in Las Vegas)

Blakely Hume and Susan Johnson (attending in Carson City)

Deputy Attorney General Greg Ott was present in Carson City

There was no public attendance in Elko, Las Vegas or Carson City

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Chair Durodola

4. **Approval of Minutes - February 4, 2016 Meeting**

Council reviewed the Minutes of February 4. There were no corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Maija Talso motioned to approve the Minutes as prepared. Rachel Salas seconded the motion. Motion carried and the Minutes were approved.

5. **Public Comment #1**

There was no public comment from Carson City, Elko, or Las Vegas.

6. **Approval of Flexible Agenda**

Chair Durodola asked for a motion to approve a flexible Agenda.

Motion: Rachel motioned to approve a flexible Agenda. Lorna James-Cervantes seconded the Motion. Motion carried and a flexible Agenda was approved.

7. **District EL Policy Review Process**

Chair Durodola asked NDE Education Program Professional Sophia Masewicz to explain the review process for the Washoe District EL Policy to calibrate the group's understandings, and to explain the three options for the EMC to consider for the review of all District EL Policy/Plans. Sophia stated that the Council would break into groups and review sections of the Washoe District EL Policy and then share comments and have discussion.

Karl Wilson reiterated the statutory responsibilities of the English Mastery Council to provide recommendations and feedback of district policies to the local Board of Trustees and NDE State Board of Education.

After review of the sections of the Washoe District EL Policy, Council reported on the discussions and findings in their groups. The Council was presented with the three policy review options for making recommendations to the State Board of Education for the adoption of regulations concerning criteria for the policies to teach English to pupils who are limited English proficient (LEP). Sophia explained the three options for the EMC to consider for review of the 18 District EL Policy/Plans: EMC TESL subcommittee to review all policies/plans; pairs of EMC members to review plans, or NDE to review all policies/plans and provide a preliminary review report to the EMC. There was discussion comparing the three options.

Deputy Attorney General Greg Ott advised that a subcommittee should be formed if Option 1 was chosen. Council members chose Option 3 as most favorable, with NDE staff as lead reviewers.

Motion: Maija motioned to approve Option 3 for the policy review. Nancy Brune seconded the motion. Motion carried and Option 3 was approved.

8. **Report on TESL Subcommittee & NSHE Meetings Regarding Recommendation 3.1**

Rachel Salas, TESL Subcommittee Chair, discussed the concerns and outcomes of the meeting with each Higher Education institution Dean and staff. She reported that there are concerns from UNR with regard to ELAD requirements and going over the 120 credits, and with the Alternate Route Licensure (ARL).

Rachel stated that Great Basin College expressed general support but was concerned about additional content for ELAD endorsement to be embedded in existing courses. GBC staff felt that with support provided, perhaps some of the courses could be embedded and not exceed the 120 credit requirement, and allow for the content area, a program may be possible.

Rachel stated that UNLV is very supportive of the EMC work and the ELAD endorsement. Rachel reported that Nevada State College already has the endorsement in the elementary program, as they have embedded it within their program.

Sharolyn reported on the discussions and outcomes of the meetings on April 15 with the Deans of UNR and GBC. Dean Cole was supportive, and stated that there is a certificate program that is related to the ELAD endorsement and that program could be used to ensure students would be able to take the courses. There was discussion among the Council members regarding ELL student population to be served in Elko and the rural communities in general.

9. **Review of Revised TESL Recommendations**

Rachel read the 1st approach to Recommendation 3.1 ELAD endorsement, revising the dates and number of years after adoption. There was discussion whether to keep the recommendation as it is currently proposed, or revise 3.1. Lorna asked if the revised 3.1 meets the concerns of SBE member Victor Wakefield. Sharolyn states she believes that it does meet his concerns.

Motion: Lorna motioned to accept the proposal 3.1 as revised, and that the Council move ahead with the expectation that all institutions will comply with the same recommendation from the EMC. Nancy Brune seconded the motion. Motion carried and the revised Recommendation 3.1 was approved.

Sharolyn stated that the next steps will be:

- 1) institutions are ready to move forward and the numbers and logistics are aligned
- 2) meet with State Board member Wakefield to share findings
- 3) begin to plan presentation of data to support the revised 3.1 at the State Board meeting in June

10. **Public Comment #2**

There were no public comments in Elko, Carson City, or Las Vegas.

Karl commented that Recommendation 4.0 was approved at the Commission on Professional Standards public hearing. The Recommendation references the re-licensure process for educators renewing a standard license. Karl states this will go back to the LCB to be agendized with the Legislative Commission and then will become formal regulation.

With regard to the Standards and Curriculum Subcommittee, Maija asked why the new TESL or ELAD standards have not been publicized. She stated they were approved by the State Board of Education in March 2015, however, the mention of the motion and approval was omitted from the official record of the Minutes. Maija stated that district staff has searched for the Standards, but they are not available. She added they should be made available to the public. Maija asked if there is any progress on the Recommendation of the Curriculum Task Force. Sharolyn answered that Karl will research those concerns.

Sharolyn announced that Monday, May 23, is scheduled for the next EMC meeting.

11. **Adjournment**

English Mastery Council Chair, Sharolyn Durodola, adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M.